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**To File M/053/005**

Received a report from Dan Slyter on the conditions at the mine. He reported a total of 14 cows in the application area. They had pulled down a majority of the fence getting into the area for water. With the stream in Beaverdam Wash dry, this is the only water in the area. Of course because they are within the mine-site fence, the application area is the closest source of water. Dan estimated that about half the fence around the application area will have to be repaired. I feel that it is a waste of time and money until the cattle have been removed and are being kept out. Dan stated that he and his wife could not get the cows out of the application fence enclosure, I'd guess that they were pretty thirsty and weren't leaving until they got a drink of water. According to the monthly reports that we have received from Dan, we have had cattle on the site all summer and we have been paying him to repair the fence on almost every monthly site visit he makes. Having spent a few years on site I know this always has been an on-going problem. I guess the question I have is why do we have a fence there anyway, and why are we spending the time and money to repair it?? The fence was put up to keep the cows out of the application area --- but there isn't supposed to be cattle on-site in the first place.

We need to make a decision on the fence problem because it appears to be an on-going problem and will be as long as the open water in application area continues to exist. Shouldn't the owner of these cows bear of the responsibility for the repair? Dan and I walked the entire fence last fall and made repairs where necessary. I thought after that time, BLM and the owner of the cows were going to take responsibility for the repair. Last fall the BLM wrote a letter to the cattle owners on their responsibilities pertaining to keeping the cows out of the mine-site. Has anyone spent any time figuring out how these cows keep getting into the site?? Because there has been cows there most of the summer tells me that they are not spending much time checking the area.

I contacted Larry Gore of Dixie BLM on Friday the 18th and told him that cows were on the site. He said he would notify Dan (the BLM range person responsible for that area) of the problem.

The flow from the heap is down to 8 gpm, but I don't see the need for the application area going away any time soon. Can we make a decision on this problem, fence repair seems to be one of our major costs for maintaining the site, but I guess my question is should we continue to pay for it??

Doug

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